



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

February 27, 2019

Dear Members of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions,

On February 8, 2019, the House Committee on Health Care (Committee) received a tour of the Middlesex Secure Residential Recovery Facility (MSRRF), which was built as a temporary facility more than five years ago. The Committee was alarmed by the condition of the MSRRF and concerned that it does not offer a therapeutic setting for residents. This is especially problematic in light of the fact that the average length of stay at the MSRRF in calendar year 2018 was 217 days.

The Committee feels strongly that replacement of the MSRRF should not be postponed by an additional five or more years. It encourages the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions to work with the Department of Buildings and General Services to expedite the siting and construction of a more therapeutically appropriate secure residential recovery facility.

The Committee, for its part, is committed to resolving any underlying policy issues related to the replacement of the MSRRF as soon as necessary.

Sincerely,

Rep. William Lippert, Chair
House Committee on Health Care